

Start-up for Cove Fort plant delayed 3 weeks, Provo told

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PROVO — The start-up date of the Cove Fort geothermal power plant has been moved back at least three weeks, the City Council was told Tuesday night.

Several weeks ago the council was told the date will be May 1. However, power generation at the Millard County site will be delayed, said Wayne Portanova, president of Mother Earth Industries Inc.

"I want it May 1," he said. "The contractor has said May 21 to the end of the month." Portanova later committed himself to the month only. "May — May it will be," he promised the council.

He said tense discussions with Utah Power & Light Co. concerning power transmission arrangements caused most of the time delays.

"There has been measurable progress if you add up all the pieces since 1984," Portanova said of arrangements among four groups: the city, MEL, equipment manufacturers and UP&L.

"We've been through a lot of tough times since then," he said.

Portanova was asked if he is still pleased with the working relationship with the city, which began with a handshake agreement.

"I have never been happier," he replied. "I think the relationships that have developed are solid. I'm pleased, and I hope you are satisfied."

City Power Director Bud Bonnett called the relationship first class. "There was a lot of commitment on a handshake, and there was a lot more commitment on the city's letter of intent," he said.

Power Board Chairman Wilmer Tanner said the board "has been sympathetic of this project from the very beginning."

Council Chairman Stan Brown expressed guarded enthusiasm of the council. "The council's excited," he said. "We'd like to see this done rapidly."

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383 W. Lake View Road.

Mapleton City Council, first and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., City Hall, 35 E.
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Orem City Council, first, second and fourth Tuesdays, 6 p.m., city
offices, 56 N. State.

Payson City Council, first and third Thursday, 7 p.m., city offices, 439
W. Utah Ave.

Pleasant Grove City Council, first and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., City
Hall, 35 S. Main.

Provo City Council, every Tuesday, regular meeting 7:30 p.m., City
Center, 359 W. Center.

Senior Citizens

—The Springville Senior Citizens Center is open every day offering
noon meals. Quilting activities daily.

—Activities at the Springville Senior Citizens Center include Bingo on
Tuesdays; blood pressure clinic the first Wednesday of each month, call
Sue Harris, 489-4047, for appointment; bowling Mondays and Wednes-
days; ceramics Wednesdays; and oil painting Mondays.

—Free health screening checkups are available in the Eldred Center
1-4 p.m. Tuesdays. For appointments, call 375-8800. Nutritious meals are
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